PLANT FACT SHEET

Rubus rugosus Smith

GENUS *Rubus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Himalayan blackberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten raw.
They are also used for the preparation of a yeast culture.

DESCRIPTION

A climbing shrub. The leaves have stalks. They are oval and 5-7 lobed. They have irregular teeth. They are deeply heart shaped. They have a yellowish layer underneath and are wrinkled above. The flowers are pink or white. They occur either in the axils of leaves or at the ends of branches. The fruit are red or dark purple.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. In Nepal they grow between 1000-2000 m altitude. They grow in open rocky places. In Vietnam it has been recorded at 1,000 m above sea level. It occurs in the Western Ghats in India.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from root offshoots or seeds.

NOTES

There are about 250 Rubus species.

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